

I had a hundred pound on't: And then a whoreson jackanapes must take me up for swearing; as if I borrowed mine oaths of him, and might not spend them at my pleasure.

1 LORD, What got he by that ? You have broke his pate with your bowl.

2 LORD. If his wit had been like him that broke

It, it would have run all out*

[*Aside.*

CLO. When a gentleman is disposed to swear, it is not for any standers-by to curtail his oaths : Ha?

2 LORD. No, my lord; nor [*Aside.*"] crop the ears of them¹.

CLO. Whoreson dog!—I give him satisfaction * ? 'Would, he had been one of my rank!

2 LORD. To have smelt³ like a fool

[*Aside.*

CLO. I am not more vexed at any thing in the earth,—A pox on't! I had rather not be so noble as I am ; they dare not fight with me, because of the queen my mother: every jack-slave hath his belly full of fighting, and I must go up and down like a cock that no body can match.

2 LORD. You are a cock and capon too ; and you crow₃ cock, with your comb on^{4*}

[*Aside**

are aimed. He who is nearest to it wins. " To kiss the jack '* is a state of great advantage. JOHNSON.

This expression frequently occurs in the old comedies. So,, in *A Woman Never Vex'd*, by Rowley, 1632; " This city *bowler* has *kissed ih*[^] mistress at the first *cast*." STEEVENS.

¹ No, my lord, &c.] This, I believe, should stand thus :

" I Lord. No, my lord.

" 2 Lord. Nor crop the ears of them.

[*Aside.*"" JOHNSON,

² I GIVE him satisfaction ?] Old copy—gave. Corrected by

the editor of the second folio. MALONE.

Perhaps this is a ludicrous use of the duellist's phrase, * I gave him *satisfaction* ; I broke his pate with my bowl/ BOSWELL.

s To have SMELT —] A poor quibble on the word *rank* in the preceding speech. MALONE.

The same quibble has already occurred in *As You Like It** Act I. Sc^oIL:

" *Touch*. Nay,, if I keep not my

rank—^{&t} Ros. Thou lovest thy old
smell.^u